



### CHARGING POLICY

In accordance with the Wirral Education Authority's policy updated May 2007, the Governing Body of Irby Primary School endorses the principles that education provided in maintained schools should be free and that no pupil's education should be affected by a parent's unwillingness or inability to pay or to contribute towards the cost of the pupil's education.

Pupils are not required to pay for any materials, books, instruments or other equipment for use in connection with education provided during school hours. However, the school may charge for or require the supply of, ingredients or materials, for practical subjects when parents have said they wish to own the finished product.

In respect of activities defined as "optional extras" under the terms of the Education Act (1996), charges will be made by the governors to cover the cost of board and lodging, travel, materials, books or other equipment, entrance fees, teaching and non-teaching staff and any other cost attributable to the provision of the activity.

The amount of charge permitted by the Education Act (1996) and the decision whether to refund any such charge for optional extras or for board and lodging is determined by the Governing Body.

**Voluntary contributions:** When organising school trips or visits which enrich the curriculum and educational experience of the children, the school invites parents to contribute to the cost of the trip. All contributions are voluntary. If we do not receive sufficient voluntary contributions, we may cancel the trip or the visit. If a trip goes ahead, it may include children whose parents have not paid any contribution. No child will be barred from the visit if a voluntary contribution is not received. The shortfall will be made up from School Fund.

**Music:** All children study music as part of the normal school curriculum. We do not charge for this. The peripatetic music teachers teach individual or small group lessons and there is a charge for these lessons. We give parents information about additional music tuition in the summer term. Instrumental music tuition is provided by Edsential and is charged by them.

**Residential Visits:** For residential visits, a charge is made to parents by the Governing Body for the cost of board, activities and lodging for each pupil. FSM children have a £50 discount funded from Pupil Premium budget.

**Swimming:** The school organises swimming lessons for some children in Key Stage 2. These take place in school time and are part of the National Curriculum. We make no charge for this activity. We inform parents when these lessons are to take place.

**Clubs:** Many extra-curricular activities are provided free of charge by staff member. There will, however be some clubs which are delivered by a third party for which there is a charge for the duration of the course e.g.

Ace of Sports (gymnastics, fitness and football) charge parents £5 per week directly. They manage the club, registers and liaise with parents.

Xtreme Dance and Pro-Skill Soccer charge parents £4.50 per week. This is done via school fund on the school payment system. School pays the third party provider by cheque from school fund and they are invoiced from budget for room rental, to contribute to admin and site costs.

Cricket charge school £30 for a half term. School charges the parents £4.50 per week.

Where a third party is delivering a sports club the costs will be reviewed annually and any proposed changes to charges to parents will be presented to the governors for approval. Clubs provided by a third party may be subsidised by the school using the PE funding.

The Ace of Sports SLA includes PPA cover and Clubs, with parents being charged for clubs directly. The school does not, in this instance, charge rent to contribute to admin and site costs.

Any clubs provided by staff after school will have a charge of £4.50 an hour to contribute to admin, TA and site costs. Morning clubs will be charged at £2 for half an hour to cover admin, TA and site costs. In addition, the school may charge for or require the supply of ingredients or materials, for example for an art or cooking club.

Any money made through hosting clubs will be used to purchase PE equipment for the children.

Everyday Items: In order to cover the cost of replacement items, the following charges will be incurred:

Water Bottle - £1.50

Badges - £1.50

Lunches: As of 1/6/23 Lunches are chargeable, by Edsential, for KS2 - £2.68.

Approval at full Governing Body meeting dated .....

Signed (Chair of Finance/Staffing Committee) .....